Food Security in Latin America

10am-11am, Thursday, May 31st
Congressional Meeting Room South
Capitol Visitors Center

Latin America has a surplus in food production, and yet a significant percentage of people are chronically hungry. According to a USDA study of 11 countries in the region, some 37% of the population struggles with food insecurity. This food distribution gap is due largely to enormous income disparities; the situation is further compounded by frequent natural disasters that devastate agricultural productivity.

Yet, unlike many regions in the world struggling with widespread hunger, Latin America is rich in productive land and has strong potential to reverse food insecurity. From June 3rd -5th, the Organization of American States (OAS) will convene their General Assembly to discuss Food Security with Sovereignty. This presents an important opportunity to examine US efforts to end long-term hunger in the region. On Thursday, May 31
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to discuss the state of food security in Latin America and how strategic US assistance can support enduring food security.

Food Security in Latin America is part of an on-going monthly briefing series hosted by Congressman Farr called *Latin America on the Rise*, which brings in a diversity of speakers to address emerging and emergent issues in the hemisphere. If you have any questions, please contact Caitie Whelan (
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Panelists

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Energy Policy in Latin America
10:00 - 11:00 am
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